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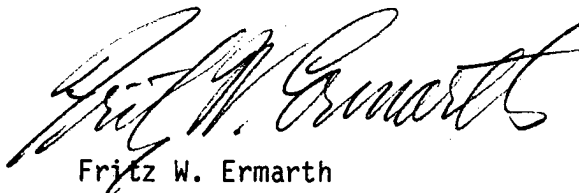
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Fritz W. Ermarth
Chairman

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Estimates on Soviet Defense Issues

Attached is a draft memorandum from you to NFIB principals requesting their attendance at a series of NFIB meetings that will consider estimates on Soviet defense issues. Given the importance to policymakers of our judgments on these issues, I recommend that you require attendance at the principal or deputy principal level. Since attendance at that level should improve the quality of the discussions at NFIB, you could encourage continuation of the practice after NFIB has completed consideration of the Soviet estimates. I've discussed this initiative with General Heinz and Dick Kerr who support it.



Fritz W. Ermarth

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Estimates on Soviet Defense Issues

1. I would like to draw your attention to a series of crucial estimates on Soviet defense and security policies that are expected to come before NFIB during the next three or four months. All these estimates will treat issues central to the defense planning of the new administration.

2. The estimates in question include:

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3. I also plan to use NFIB meetings in January or February to discuss important intelligence issues of an estimative nature, although no written estimate may immediately be planned. One example is our ability to monitor a CW production ban and how we might improve it.

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4. Given the importance of these subjects, you or your deputy should plan to attend.

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Chairman

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